Major Penalty Action Pending against the Officiating Vice-President (Per.) of ITDC

1034. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether major penalty action has been recommended by Vigilance Division of ITDC against its officiating Vice-President (Personnel);

(b) if so, facts of the case;

(c) whether the above case is within the knowledge of all ITDC Board Members, if so, action taken by them against the erring officials;

(d) whether the recommendation for major penalty action in the above mentioned case was submitted by ITDC Vigilance Division to its CMD more than six months back; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not taking any decision in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Vigilance Division of ITDC recommended major penalty action against the present officiating Vice-President (Personnel) for the following:—

(i) He was responsible for not initiating disciplinary action against Assistant Manager.

(ii) in 1984 when he was working as Dy. General Manager (Recruitment) he did not ascertain the qualification & date of birth of a candidate who was appointed as Assistant Manager.

(c) CMD, ITDC being the Competent Disciplinary Authority in case of officiating Vice-Presidents, the matter was not refered to the Board of Directors.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The CMD has examined the recommendation of Vigilance Division in the light of the explanation submitted by the officiating Vice-President (Personnel) and has decided to close the matter as the charges were not substantiated.

Power Project at Hirma in Orissa

1035. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) What is the estimated capacity of power Project in Hirma at Jhamuguda in Orissa;

(b) whether the project has obtained all necessary clearances; and

(c) by when the power project is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) M/s. Consolidated Electric Power Asia Ltd. (a subsidiary of Hopewell Holdings Ltd., Hong Kong) has proposed to set up initially one coal based thermal power project having 5 units of 660 MW at Village Hirma in Ib Valley region of Sambalpur district of Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) M/s. CEPA proposes to commission the project in a phased manner starting from about 3 years from the date of financial closure of the project.

Review of Power Policy

1036. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power sector is in a crisis as not more than 16,000 MW is likely to be added during the Eighth Five Year Plan and no advance action plan for the Ninth Plan has so far been taken; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to review the power policy to over come the power crisis as per the suggestion made by the national working group on power?